

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

216



ENTIRE APPLICATION OF: )  
FRANCOIS et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/061,654 )  
Filed: 02/01/2002 )  
For: IMPROVED SEALING )  
ARRANGEMENT FOR A )  
CLOSURE FOR A FITMENT )

COPY OF PAPERS  
ORIGINALLY FILED

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

ON THE TITLE PAGE

IMPROVED SEALING ARRANGEMENT FOR  
A CLOSURE FOR A FITMENT  
BY  
JAMES A. FRANCOIS  
WILLIAM J. SHANKLAND  
CHRIS W. WINSTEAD  
C. EDWARD LUKER

IN THE SPECIFICATION

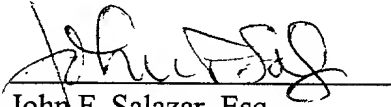
Page 1 of the specification, please amend the claims as follows:

IMPROVED SEALING ARRANGEMENT FOR  
A CLOSURE FOR A FITMENT  
BY  
JAMES A. FRANCOIS  
WILLIAM J. SHANKLAND  
CHRIS W. WINSTEAD  
C. EDWARD LUKER

**REMARKS**

Entry of the above preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John F. Salazar", written over a horizontal line.

John F. Salazar, Esq.

Reg No. 39,353

Jsalazar@middreut.com

MIDDLETON REUTLINGER

2500 Brown & Williamson Tower

Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Date: March 13, 2002

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES**

**ON THE TITLE PAGE**

IMPROVED SEALING ARRANGEMENT FOR  
A CLOSURE FOR A FITMENT

BY

JAMES A. FRANCOIS  
WILLIAM J. SHANKLAND  
CHRIS W. WINSTEAD  
C. EDWARD LUKER

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

IMPROVED SEALING ARRANGEMENT FOR  
A CLOSURE FOR A FITMENT

BY

JAMES A. FRANCOIS  
WILLIAM J. SHANKLAND  
CHRIS W. WINSTEAD  
C. EDWARD LUKER